

Support for new claims 21-23 can be found, *inter alia*, at pages 9, 12 and 18 of the specification. Thus, no new matter has been added by way of new claims 21-23.

It is believed that new claim 21 may correspond to claim 12 of U.S. Patent No. 5,607,918, issued March 4, 1997.

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